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Applicant: LUCAS ET AL. Examiner: A. HERTZOG
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I (claims 1-18, 28, and 39) drawn to soil remediation processes and corresponding apparatuses, wherein the contaminants are thermally desorbed and then combusted in a thermal oxidiser, wherein combustion air and desorbed contaminants are preheated by heat exchange with the offgases of the thermal oxidiser.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's statements and conclusions regarding the prior art set forth in paragraph 2 of the Action. Applicants reserve the right to present further arguments in the event that the Examiner raises a formal rejection with these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 9 September 2004

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